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Pennsylvania Egg Production Up 6 Percent in March

HARRISBURG, PA – May 3, 2010 -- Egg production in Pennsylvania during March 2010 totaled 589 million eggs, up 6 percent from the 557 million eggs produced in March 2009, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The total number of layers averaged 23.7 million during March, a 4 percent increase from last year. Production per 100 layers was 2,488 eggs during the month, an increase of 36 eggs overall from March 2009. Broiler-type chicks hatched in Pennsylvania totaled 13.5 million during March 2010, down 7 percent from the same month last year.

U.S. egg production totaled 7.81 billion during March 2010, up one percent from last year. Production included 6.71 billion table eggs, and 1.10 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.03 billion were broiler-type and 76 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during March 2010 averaged 341 million, a slight increase from last year. March egg production per 100 layers was 2,292 eggs, an increase of 23 eggs from March 2009.

Egg-type chicks hatched during March 2010 totaled 45.2 million, up 8 percent from March 2009. Broiler-type chicks hatched during March 2010 totaled 787 million, up slightly from March 2009. There were 23.0 million net poults placed during March 2010 in the United States, down 4 percent from the number placed during the same month a year earlier.

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